

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS, TRAINING, AND SAFETY**

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

2:21 p.m.

Room 308, House Office Building

Chair Gosselin called the Standing Committee on Employment Relations, Training, and Safety to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Gosselin, Marleau, Drolet, LaJoy, Bieda, Farrah, Hood (7/7)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None: (0/7)

Representative Bieda, supported by **Representative Drolet**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 15, 2005. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid Senate Bills 171-174 before the committee.

SB 171	Allen	Employment security; administration; transfer of business to obtain favorable contribution rate; prohibit.
SB 172	Toy	Employment security; administration; certain revisions to unemployment compensation fund provision; revise to harmonize with anti-SUTA provisions.
SB 173	McManus	Employment security; administration; SUTA dumping prohibition; harmonize with transfer of business provisions.
SB 174	Olshove	Employment security; employers; definition of employer; revise to accommodate anti-SUTA provisions.

Senator Allen explained the intent of the bills and answered questions.

Wendy Hoffmeyer, representing the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, testified in **support** of the bills.

Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, testified in **support** of the bills, **with amendment**.

Marlene Jobe, representing the Employers' Unemployment Compensation Council, testified in **support** of the bills, **with amendment**.

Amy Shaw, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified in **support** of the bills, **with amendment**.

Chris Michalak, representing the AFL-CIO, testified in **opposition** to the bills.

Keith Carey, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified in **support** of the bills.

Greg Packer, representing the Association of Michigan-based Professional Employee Organizations, testified in **support** of the bills.

Matt Groen, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Bill Zaagman, representing ADP Total Source, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Rob Elhenicky, representing ADP Total Source, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Linda Gobler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Ann Parker, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Nadine Nosal, representing the International Union of United Auto Workers, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **3:27 p.m.**

Representative Robert Gosselin, Chair

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